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LETTER DATED 28 JANUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated today, from my Prime Minister to Your Excellency.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 28 January 1994 from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to an open military intervention of the armed forces of the Republic of Croatia against the sovereign and independent Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, a member of the United Nations, the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina requests an emergency meeting of the Security Council.

It has been reported that the following military formations of the regular armed forces of the Republic of Croatia are presently involved in military actions on the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- 113th Brigade of Split - active in the Vrdi sector, carrying out offensive military actions in the area;
- 1st Guard Brigade - composed of mercenaries, active in the Prozor sector;
- 5th Guard Brigade from Zagreb, in the wider region of Mostar;
- Specialized military groups "PANTHERS", "TIGERS", and "MATIJA VLACIC" from Zagreb, active in the sector of Mostar.

In the sector of Prozor and Gornji Vakuf, the following formations are reported active:

- 114th Brigade of Sibenik;
- 3rd Brigade of the Council of National Guard from Osijek;
- 109th Brigade of the Croatian Army from Vukovar;
- Brigades of the Croatian Army from Vinkovci and Varazdin;
- Brigades of the Croatian Army estimated at 1,100 soldiers;
- 2,000 Croatian Army soldiers from Zagreb;
- "BLACK LEGIONS" performing special reconnaissance activities.

Presently, it is reported that five additional brigades of the Croatian Army and the Croatian Council of Defense are moving towards Prozor.

At the Posavina front, in the sector of Orasje, four brigades of the Croatian army, a tank echelon (20 tanks) and two artillery divisions are militarily engaged.

It has also been noted that since 24 January 1994, a renewed mobilization of Bosnian Croat and Muslim refugees in Dalmatia has taken place, with the purpose of their military engagement in an offensive that resumed only recently in the sector of Prozor-Gornji Vakuf. An additional 20,000 soldiers are sought for recruitment.

Along with these activities, the Center for Special Police training in Zagreb is currently engaged in training and forming terrorist task forces named "JOKERS", "KNIGHTS", "LIGHTNING".

In recent days, the use of air support (UTVA planes) of military operations and helicopters of the Croatian Army in the Herzegovina region and in Central Bosnia has been evident.

Thus, we conclude that in the sector of Mostar, Prozor and Gornji Vakuf, 12 brigades of the regular Croatian army with manpower estimated at 15,000 to 18,000 soldiers is directly involved in military operations. In the Posavina sector, the estimate goes as far as 10,000 to 12,000 soldiers of the Croatian army. Accordingly, the estimate ranges from 25,000 to 30,000 soldiers of the Croatian army actively participating in military operations against the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This high number of Croatian regular army troops are supplemented by heavy artillery, armoured vehicles and numerous other war materials.

Due to these military activities, the plight of civilians has increased, destruction of material assets are enormous, humanitarian convoys are hindered or denied passage, and all the efforts of the legitimate governmental bodies of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina aiming at the cessation of hostilities and the continuation of the peace process have been endangered.

Excellency:

We express our deepest concern about such an extent of military intervention of the Republic of Croatia in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and request the Security Council to firmly condemn such activities and to take all the necessary measures in accordance with the provisions of Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter and all of the relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions.

(Signed) Dr. Haris SILAJDZIC
Prime Minister